

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action mailed October 19, 2004, with a shortened statutory period of three months set to expire January 19, 2005. Claims 1-21 are currently pending. With this amendment, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 19, and 20 have been amended, and claims 4, 11, and 18 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,749,095 issued to *Hagersten*. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hagersten* in view of U.S. Patent 6,513,097 issued to *Beardsley*. The Examiner stated that claims 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate all of the features of original claims 1 and 4. Applicant has amended claim 8 to incorporate all of the features of original claims 8 and 11. Applicant has amended claim 15 to incorporate all of the features of original claims 15 and 18.

Applicant has amended claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 to correct the dependency of these claims so that they now depend on their respective base independent claim.

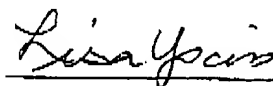
Independent claims 1, 8, and 15 are now believed to be in an allowable form because they have been rewritten to overcome the Examiner's objection to the claims.

The dependent claims depend from allowable independent claims and are also believed to be in an allowable form.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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